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Phila. 7 March, 1883.

Dear Garrison:

35 Your kind letter was received this morning, for which accept my thanks. A letter to E. 2., informing him of my acceptance of the invitation of your Committee, will go in the same mail with this. I shall take leave of the Freeman in the issue of the 17th. In doing so, it will be difficult to avoid stating the reasons for my withdrawal and informing the readers of the paper "Where I am to go." To this I presume your Committee will have no objection, but if they should, I request to be informed of the fact by Monday next, when my Valedictory will

go to the Printers. After taking leave of the Freeman I shall go at once to our dear friends Joseph Dugdale's, and spend the time up to our American Anniversary in that neighborhood, where I hope that rest from mental labor, with the moderate physical exercise in the open air, will give me new vigor.

Our Ex. Com. will doubtless make a statement to their constituents, to be published with my withdrawal, giving their reasons for consenting to part with me at the call of the National Society.

My health, I am happy to say, is better than when I wrote last, and constantly improving.

Mary Anne sends love to

you and yours, in which I heartily join.

Yours, courageously,

Oliver Johnson

O. J. Phila. March 7, 1853.